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Applicant : Ito et al.
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RESPONSE REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Responsive to the final Office Action mailed January 10, 2001, (hereinafter "Office Action") Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments set forth herein. The response was initially due April 10, 2001. Applicants herein submit a petition for a one-month extension of time, up to and including May 10, 2001, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Postcard
- Associate Power of Attorney
- Petition for Extension of Time with fee
- Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with fee
- Check including RCE and extension of time fees
- Submission Accompanying the RCE

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